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SUBJ: BIENNIAL MEETING OF OPANAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

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1. DEPUTY OPANAL SECGEN GKANZALEZ DE LEON TELEPHONED EMBOFF THIS MORNING TO PASS ALONG WORD THAT OTHER OBSERVER REPRESENTATIVES AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE -- SPECIFICALLY GREAT BRITIAN, NETHERLANDS, AND FINLAND -- ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF STATEMENTS BEFORE CONFERENCE DELEGAGES SOMETIME EARLY ON IN DELIBERATIONS. GONZALEZ DE LEON SAID FINLAND, IN PARTICULAR, IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE ON RELATIONS AMONG NFZS, AS IT HAS LATELY PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN UN FORUMS IN PROMOTING SUCH RELATIONS.

2. GONZALEZ DE LEON SAID THAT, IN VIEW FOR FOREGOING, US OBSERVER REPS MIGHT WISH TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME SORT OF STATEMENT AS WELL (ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THIS MIGHT FORCE US TO SET FOOT INTO DANGEROUS TERRAIN OF PROTOCOL I). IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID, THERE WAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REASON WHY US SHOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE A STATEMENT

UNLESS IT FOUND IF TO BE IN ITS OWN INTEREST.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE CONFIDENCE WE ENJOY WITH GONZALEZ DE LEON, WE SUSPECT HE MAY BE STIMULATING SUCH STATEMENTS BY OBSERVERS AS A MEANS OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION TO THEIR PRESENCE. QUESTION OF AFFORDING STATUS OF "PERMANENT OBSERVER" TO THESE NATIONSJ REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENC, AND IT'S A STEP WHICH OPANAL SECRETARIAT IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN THE EVENT DEPARTMENT SEES FIT TO NAME OBSERVERS TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE (REFTEL), IT SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER SUCH A STATEMENT IS DESIRED AND, IF SO, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE. JOVA

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